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STATE NORMAL FOR LOUISA ASSURED AT NEXT SESSION

(The NEWS has received the following report on the matter of establishing a third State Normal School, to be located at Louisa, and for which a very determined effort has been made in the Legislature.)

The bill establishing a State Normal School at Louisa is unanimously endorsed by State officials, but they ask that the matter be held in abeyance until next session of the Legislature. If there is a called session for the purpose of bonding the State for road and school purposes this matter will be taken up and put over. So momentous is the issue involved that it will affect vitally, definitely and permanently the stand of the electoral status of every man who plays a part in its conclusion. This matter will stand out like a promontory. Only a miracle of mischance could now wrest a victorious conclusion from the proponents of this cause, and the parties furthering the matter are to be congratulated for the efficient work and progress made in the short duration of time since its promulgation.

The Big Oil Well in Wayne County, W. Va.

All parts of Lincoln and Grant districts in the Milum creek area are enthused over the prospects for oil in that section, as a result of the gusher well which was drilled in last week on the head of Milum about three miles from Dunlow. The well is estimated to be a 45 barrel per day producer, and the flow from all appearances, has its source in a large stable pool.—Wayne News.

OVERDA

Death visited the home of Bird Stewart and wife, taking their little baby. It was laid to rest in the Crabtree graveyard.

Aunt Mary Stewart is no better.

Miss Thelma Webb, of Overda, is visiting home folks Sunday.

Miss Ocel Webb spent Saturday night with Maxie Cleveland.

John Jordan and Ekel have returned from Chattanooga, W. Va.

Leo Cleveland, who is attending school at Louisa, visited home folks Saturday and Sunday.

Tom Dawdy and wife returned to Chattanooga Sunday.

Mrs. Dela Adams, of Twin Branch, spent last Thursday with Mrs. E. M. Cleveland.

Miss Golda Webb was calling on Mrs. E. M. Cleveland last Thursday and Friday. They put in good time piecing quilts.

Mrs. Laura Presley has the flu.

Kay Chaffin, of Irad, was at Overda Saturday.

Miss Mary Leadman, of Hicksville, was shopping at Overda Friday.

Charley Blankenship will move soon to Ashland.

John Jordan's family is down with the flu.

J. G. Adams has gone to Chattanooga. Also Willie Diamond.

Rebecca Adams expects to return to his home soon from the navy.

Ernest Webb and bride were visiting his brother Austin and wife Sunday. Also Miss Thelma Webb.

Mrs. Della Webb spent Friday at Overda.

TOM DUFF.

WALBRIDGE AND HOLT

Mrs. John Webb left Thursday for Ethel, W. Va., where she will reside.

H. H. Stansbury and daughter, Miss Ethel, are visiting Mrs. John Bellomy of Ward, Ky.

Misses Vina Stepp and Nannie Wilson spent Friday afternoon with Miss Briza Peters.

T. S. Beale, of Saltwater and Loco Williams, of Rocky Valley, attended church here Sunday night.

J. Crit See, Jr., visited friends in Louisa Sunday.

J. Paul Riddle, of Pikeville, spent Sunday with relatives at Hilltop Farm.

Millard Webb was a business visitor at Hilltop Farm Monday.

Mrs. Jane Peters, J. H. Hardwick, Henry Bostle, Miss Jock See and Laken Peters were visitors in Louisa Monday.

Misses Mattie, Ve and Virginia Ashe, of Route 1, attended church here Sunday night.

There is talk of a church building being erected at this place.

Miss Marie C. Holt spent a few days this week in Louisa, the guest of her aunt, Mrs. G. B. Carter.

Henry Holt, of Rock Castle, visited relatives here last week.

Attie O. Burgess, of Richardson, spent Sunday with friends here.

Mrs. Sam S. See attended church Sunday at the M. E. Church, Louisa.

W. T. Bove is home from Goodman on account of sickness in his family.

On Monday, March 8th, Mr. John J. Crittendon See, Jr., of Louisa, Route 3, and Miss Lillian Roberts, of Busseyville, were quietly married at Louisa at the home of W. W. See, brother of the groom, in the presence of relatives of the immediate families and a few friends. Rev. Jas. D. Bell, of the M. E. Church, South, officiated. The bride is one of Lawrence county's brightest and most beautiful daughters and is popular in her circle of friends. The groom is a highly respected young man and is engaged in farming. He saw several months' service in the U. S. Army during the world war. Their many friends wish them a happy and prosperous wedded life.

Death of Charles Bowles Occurs at Pikeville

Charles Bowles, age 23, died at Pikeville Sunday night of typhoid fever. He had been sick three weeks but was thought to be improving for a while previous to the time of his passing away.

The funeral took place Tuesday and was very largely attended, many persons going from other towns to pay their respects.

He was the oldest son of Mr. C. C. and Mrs. Nona Connolly Bowles, and was one of Pikeville's most highly esteemed young men. He was well educated and was just entering upon a promising business career. Early in the war he enlisted in the army and while at camp the physicians found some trouble in one lung, which resulted in his discharge and several months' treatment at Saranac Lake. He recovered and was apparently in fair health afterward.

Charles was identified with the Presbyterian church. He is survived by two sisters and a brother, and his parents. His father is one of Pike county's most prominent men. He has been county attorney and at present is actively engaged in the wholesale grocery business.

ROBT. HARTMAN DIES SUDDENLY

The body of Robert F. Hartman arrived in Louisa Tuesday evening from Nitro, W. Va. His death occurred there some time Sunday night. Mr. Hartman was feeling about as well as usual when he retired. When called for breakfast the next morning he failed to answer. His wife went to his bedside and found that he was dead.

About a week previous he was kicked on the arm by a mule, but it is not thought this had anything to do with his death, which was pronounced due to heart trouble. Some time ago Mr. Hartman had suffered with heart trouble, but of late had not complained of it.

Mr. Hartman was 60 years of age. When a young man he came to Louisa and has spent most of his life here, being counted one of our good citizens. For several years he had charge of the Elodie farm near here. He was industrious and honest and had no enemies. His wife, Mrs. Mary Keggs Hartman, and two daughters, Mrs. Chas. P. Shannon and Mrs. Eulah Cain, of this place, survive.

Burial took place on Wednesday on Pine Hill after funeral services which were conducted by Rev. Haggard at the M. E. Church in this city.

The Odd Fellows were in charge of the burial. Mr. Hartman was a member of that order in good standing.

MRS. GUSSIE COPLEY LAMBERT AND CHILD DIE OF INFLUENZA

On Feb. 25, death entered the home of Carlos Lambert of Portsmouth, O., and took from them their baby, Donald, aged one year and eleven days. Two hours later the mother died.

Guusie Copley Lambert was the daughter of W. A. Copley, of Potter, who died about 14 months ago. She was born in Louisa, Ky., but at an early age she moved to Potter where she was reared. She possessed a cheerful disposition, and enjoyed above everything else the companionship of family and friends. On Feb. 28, 1913, she married Carlos Lambert, of Buchanan. To this union were born three children, Albert Harrison, age 6, James Allen, age 3, and Donald. Besides the bereaved husband and two little sons the surviving members of her family are Mrs. Julia Horn, Mrs. Tommie Baker, Mrs. Virginia Montague, Mrs. Carrie Bryan and J. W. Copley. She was buried at the Buchanan chapel burial ground Feb. 28.

ONE WHO KNEW HER.

ELECTRIC CHAIR GETS TWO DEMONS

At the Kentucky Penitentiary, Eddyville, Charles Music was electrocuted on Wednesday. He was the desperado who ran wild in the Big Sandy Valley for several months and was arrested near Louisa for stealing a horse, after having murdered policeman Chas. Hatfield in Ashland last March.

On Thursday Will Lockett was sent to eternity for the horrible murder of little Geneva Hardman near Lexington. He is the negro over whom six men lost their lives in the riot at Lexington. On last Monday he confessed that he had murdered three other women by choking them. One was white and two colored. The crimes occurred at Carmi, Ill., Evansville, Ind., and Camp Taylor, Ky. Also, he assaulted a white woman in Western Kentucky in 1906, after which he changed his name to Lockett.

Mrs. Zob Heston has returned from Durbin where she was called two weeks ago by the illness of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cole, both of whom had double pneumonia. They so far recovered as to be able to be moved. Mr. Cole went to the home of his mother a short distance away and Mrs. Cole accompanied her daughter to Louisa where she is receiving further treatment.

Influenza missed their neighborhood in the 1918 epidemic, but hardly a family escaped this time. Many deaths occurred near there.

Big Coal Deal is Consummated

The much talked of deal, pending for several months, for the purchase of the valuable properties of the Red Jacket Consolidated Coal & Coke company has finally been consummated. The purchase price, said to be in the neighborhood of two million dollars, has been paid over. The new owner is Col. T. E. Houston, one of the pioneer coal operators of the county.

Mr. W. A. Wilson, who for several years has been superintendent of Col. Houston's Thacker properties, will also become superintendent at Red Jacket.

In addition to his holdings in this county Col. Houston is also the central figure in a number of the largest and most successful companies in the Pocahontas field. Some months ago he purchased a big boundary of coal land on Wolf creek, Martinson, Ky., which is as yet undeveloped.—Huntington Herald Dispatch.

Property in Lawrence Raised \$250,000.00 By the State Board

Judge Riffe and County Attorney Thompson have returned from Frankfort, where they appeared before the State Tax Commission to protest against the raise of \$410,000 in the valuation of Lawrence county property.

They succeeded in getting it reduced to \$250,000. The County Board is directed to make raises aggregating that amount, applying the increases, as their judgment directs, to land, town lots, mineral rights, oil and gas—either a part or all of these.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Ernest T. Webb, 23, Overda, to Nona Cooksey, 21, Dennick.

Strother Justice, 42, to Fannie Smith, 24, Louisa.

Casper F. Miller, 20, Adeline, to Gertrude Church, 17, Adeline.

Patsy Cole, 28, War Eagle, W. Va., to Alva Spencer, 17, Norris.

Marion Crabtree, 19, Chattanooga, to Martha Dowdy, 15, Overda.

Wm. York, 46, to Sarepta Jane Hull, 44, Louisa.

HAYS-THOMPSON.

Miss Ida May Hays of this city, and Mr. Jacob Hugh Thompson of Meredith, W. Va., were united in marriage last Saturday evening. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's pastor, Rev. J. T. Pope, who was the officiating minister.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. Willard Hays and is a popular young lady in her circle of friends.

Mr. Thompson is employed in the oil fields near Louisa, and is a fine young man. These young people have the best wishes of many friends.

CATLETTSBURG HAS HEAVY FIRE LOSS

Damage in excess of \$200,000 was done by fire early Monday morning in Catlettsburg. Buildings burned included the following:

Hampton Grocery company; Big Sandy Grocery company; Alger Hotel; Big Sandy Distributing company; Central Hotel; J. T. Jordan plumbing shop. The Hampton Grocery company was one of the heaviest losers. The stock of foodstuffs is said to have been worth in excess of \$100,000. Stock of the Big Sandy Grocery company was also covered by insurance.

A squad car from the Huntington department, carrying hose, helped to fight the blaze. Assistance also was given by the Ashland fire department.

The origin of the blaze has not been determined. The fire had gained considerable headway when the alarm was given, and when the Catlettsburg department had difficulty in checking the flames, aid was asked from Huntington and Ashland.

All of the buildings were brick structures. It was one of the most serious fires in the history of Catlettsburg.

WHITES CREEK, W. VA.

There is lots of sickness in our vicinity at this writing and doctors are scarce. There isn't any doctor nearer than Wayne or Prichard. We need two on our creek, one at the mouth of Whites Creek and one here at Cepterville. There are people enough in our locality to keep two doctors busy. We have good roads here through the summer and fall seasons, and if any doctor should read my letter and feel satisfied to come and locate in our vicinity we would be glad.

Mrs. Eldridge McGee died Tuesday, March 2nd, after suffering some time. She leaves her husband and several small children.

Old Bro. Abraham Hutchison and wife are both expected to die.

There have been several deaths in our neighborhood and country.

Mrs. Della Lester, of Heller, Ky., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Sparks, and other friends and relatives.

Joe Sparks and family all had flu, but they are all about well.

Oscar Miller and family are all better.

Ida Sparks and family are all on the mend, while there are many others not expected to live.

Owing to bad weather and sickness there hasn't been any church in our locality lately.

S. G. W.

PAVING LOUISA STREETS ASSURED

The Court of Appeals has given a decision in the friendly suit taken up from Lawrence county which makes possible the issuing of paving bonds to the amount voted in November, \$150,000, and the additional \$10,000 voted previously.

The style of the case was G. W. Castle vs. City of Louisa. Mr. Castle would like for the fact to be made plain that he was not opposing the bond issue, but consented to act as plaintiff in the suit simply to try to get the obstacle of a former decision removed. He is very much in favor of the bond issue.

This is a victory that causes almost unanimous rejoicing in Louisa. The City Council can now proceed with the numerous details incident to paving.

Oil Development in Lawrence County

Mitchell & Martin of Pittsburg, have bought 799 acres of leases in the Busseyville field from H. W. Bussey and Webb Holt and will start drilling as soon as machinery and supplies can be shipped in.

The well on J. H. Woods on the Point opposite Louisa is being drilled in this afternoon. The Jones brothers hold this lease. The result is being watched with great interest, as it tests entirely new territory.

The well on Cooley & Burgess, Two A., is good for 6 to 8 barrels. Richmond Drilling company will move the outfit from this farm to the adjoining tract owned by G. J. Carter and E. E. Shannon and drill a well. The Ohio Fuel holds this lease also.

A company organized by John Babin will drill this year on Lick creek, where they have acquired a considerable acreage.

The New Domain's last well at Busseyville is showing up fine, being one of the very best in the field.

Lawrence County Red Cross Chapter Suspends

At a meeting of the Red Cross executive committee Monday night it was decided to close the local chapter and suspend operations. The money on hand, about \$650, will be sent to headquarters.

On Saturday of this week at one o'clock, at the court house door in Louisa, the office furniture and fixtures will be offered for sale at public auction. There is a good Remington typewriter, some tables, files, etc.

GRIFFITH CREEK

An old adage which says "It never rains but it pours" could not be amplified more than by the misfortunes that have befallen the Sammons children here. Their mother died of cancer Nov. 30, 1919, their father, C. A. Sammons, died of influenza Feb. 5th, 1920. The boys, true to their promise to their dying mother, still made the old home as cheerful as they could for their little brothers and sisters, but on last Saturday while two of the little boys were preparing supper fire broke out from the kitchen stove which in a few minutes reduced their home to ashes. Practically nothing was saved.

The children frantically fought the flames until neighbors gathered, got out a few things and took out the small children. The loss all told was perhaps \$1,000. Here is a case of eight children made motherless, fatherless and homeless in three months. The oldest boy is scarcely grown, the baby 19 months old.

Arnold, the 14 months old son of Dan Senters, departed this life March 4th of pneumonia, following influenza. He leaves mother, father and ten brothers to mourn their loss. We extend the bereaved our sympathy in this the second death in this well known family, another son having died only a short time ago. Influenza is a deadly disease and we will thank God when it has run its course.

Willey Parker, of Columbus, Ohio, was a business visitor here Monday.

Mrs. Herbert Lemaster is on the influenza list.

Eugene Hensley is all smiles; it's name is Violet.

Don C. Belcher is preparing to move to a place near Charleston, W. Va., where he has a position as store manager for a lumber corporation.

MUTT.

ROAD ENGINEER FOR BIG SANDY

Judge Riffe conferred with the State Road Commissioner at Frankfort last week in regard to the roads to be built in Lawrence. He was informed that an engineer, M. E. S. Posey, has been appointed to take charge of the Big Sandy valley counties and that he will push the survey work as rapidly as possible. Lawrence should get a party of engineers very soon.

The new laws affecting State aid will apply here. The Federal aid will come to us without question, the State Commissioner says.

Let us hope they rush the job.

ROAD ENGINEER FOR BIG SANDY

Mrs. T. C. Ramey and little son Bill left Wednesday for Fort Worth, Texas, where her husband is engaged in the oil business. Mrs. Ramey has made many friends here.

G. B. Clay Dies at Catlettsburg

After a long illness George B. Clay died at his home Wednesday night of last week. He had seemed to be improving until attacked by influenza a few days before. He is survived by his wife who was Miss Allie Malone of Grayson, one son, Raymond, and one daughter, Agnes. Mrs. Mary Hamilton of Pikeville and Mrs. Julia Keith of Oklahoma, are sisters, and Tom Clay of Pikeville, and Will, of Washington, South.

Mr. Clay was born in Pikeville 58 years ago. He had lived in Catlettsburg many years and for a while was connected with the Clay-Gunnell Shoe company. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and M. E. Church, South.

Confederate Pensions Raised to \$15 Per Month

The Legislature has increased Confederate pensions to \$15 per month and grants pensions to widows who married before 1912. This brings the time up for widows 22 years. Representative Shannon was active for the bill in the House.

FREE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR EASTERN KY.

The State Committee of the Y. M. C. A., has the sum of \$4580 to be distributed in Collegiate Scholarships. Each scholarship provides a sum ranging from \$50 to \$300 according to the needs of the applicant, and may be applied on the tuition, books, board and lodging, etc., during the full college year beginning with the term beginning early in 1920. Applications for Collegiate Scholarships should be made through the County Educational Service Committee, who will make recommendations to the State Committee.

Application blanks and further information may be obtained from the members of the County Committee, or by writing State District Secretary or Supervisor Educational Work, 345 Y. M. C. A. Bldg., Louisville, Ky.

Interested men are advised to file applications as soon as possible.

County Committees in this district are as follows:

Boyd, Prof. Bradner, Ashland, Ky.; Elliott, John Will Green, Sandy Hook, Ky.; Carter, Prof. Crawley, Grayson, Ky.; Floyd, Prof. Candell, Prestonsburg, Ky.; Greenup, J. W. Ramey, Russell, Ky.; Lawrence, M. S. Burns, Louisa, Ky.; Johnson, Prof. Ward, Paintsville, Ky.; Magoffin, Judge Gardner, Salyersville, Ky.; Martin, J. B. Clarke, Inez, Ky.; Pike, Fonso Wright, Pikeville, Ky.

Scholarships Awarded.

The following discharged soldiers were granted scholarships at a meeting held in Ashland last Saturday: Emory E. Clarke, Prestonsburg, six months at Bowling Green University; Oscar Ward, Paintsville, six months in school of Engineering, Milwaukee, Wis.; Frank Bailey, Hueysville, three months Bowling Green Business University; Geo. M. Collins, Zebulon, six months Booth's Business College, Huntington. The next meeting to consider applications will be held in Ashland March 17.

OIL NEWS OF EASTERN KENTUCKY

In Eastern Kentucky, Floyd county district, the Fleming interests got a good showing of oil and gas on the Hopkins lease, mouth of Bull creek. Drilling will be continued to the Big Injun and Weir sands. On the Ball Creek structure, above this well, the Eastern Gulf Company has a big gasser in the Big Injun sand. Dumick and associates have a 10-barrel pumper in No. 2, Wayland, and is spudding on a second test. Fleming is starting a deep venture on the Mud Creek anticline.

In Pike county Brode & Son are down 1,000 feet in a test, which is making an interesting showing. South of this test and near the Pine mountain uplift a wildcat test is reported to be showing oil at 1,100 feet. This is one of the most interesting tests in Eastern Kentucky at this time, as the strata is raised to almost a vertical position within half a mile of the test, which is the first to be attempted near the monocline.

In Johnson county, Love leave, Turner and others are reported to have a good well at 2,000 feet.

BORDERLAND, W. VA.

Richard Lemaster was called to Paintsville on business Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Sam Childers will move to Fort Gay soon. She has been quite ill with influenza, but is improving.

Alford Webb and wife are quite ill with influenza.

Bud Adams is wearing a big smile. He will get married the 15th.

Mrs. Maude Adams, who has been very low with flu, is better.

Lewis Lemaster was visiting his daughter, Maude Sherman, at Muddy Branch, Thursday.

BROWNEY.

Regular meeting of Louisa Chapter, No. 222, O. E. S., will be held next Tuesday evening, 7:00 o'clock. A full attendance is requested.

HELEN VINSON, Secy.

Work to Start on Fort Gay Road

The Sutton Construction company has shipped five car loads of machinery to our sister city of Fort Gay, to use on the contract awarded for seven miles of road from that point toward Wayne.

Work will start at once and be hustled to a finish. Mr. W. D. Sutton was here Wednesday looking after the matter.

This is a reliable firm of experienced contractors who have had work in Pike county.

Teachers Get an Increase in Salary

A new law just enacted gives teachers in Kentucky a minimum salary of \$75 per month.

This is a much needed increase and will make it possible to supply more schools with teachers next year.

Dwight O'Roark Dies at Middlesboro, Ky.

A telegram received Tuesday from J. S. O'Roark at Middlesboro brought to relatives the sad news of the death of his son Dwight. A carbuncle was the cause. He leaves a wife and two children. T. J. and A. Snyder, uncles of the deceased, left Wednesday to attend the funeral.

MRS. SARAH KEELIN DIES AT CATLETTSBURG

Mrs. Sarah Keelin, age 72, died at Catlettsburg of pneumonia, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. I. Fairchild, Chas. Keelin, only son, also survives. She was a Stafford before marriage.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN W. VA.

After a very close and stubborn fight the West Virginia Legislature has ratified the constitutional amendment giving women the right to vote. Senator Bloch made a race against time from California to Charleston to cast the deciding vote in favor of woman suffrage.

FORT GAY, W. VA.

The sick are improving except Bill Adkins, who lingers with stomach trouble.

John Travis has sold his mill and entire possessions here to John Wilson and W. L. Dawson. Mr. Wilson will move in soon, having sold his farm to John Salyers.

The high school has moved from the church to the public school building. Ranzy Bartram will build on the lots he owns in the center of town.

Lewis Borders has about finished his brick building, near the railroad.

Lee Dawson, of Jenkins, paid our town a visit. He will move to Sciotoville, Ohio, where he has purchased 17 acres laid off in town lots.

Mrs. Lou Verna Hanson, age 64, widow of the late D. L. Hanson, died at her home near here Monday. She was the daughter of Smiley Stewart, of Lawrence county, Kentucky. Although a bad cripple for a number of years, Mrs. Hanson was a faithful church attendant and was an influence for good in the community. Two children survive: Mrs. May Robinson and M. J. Hanson.

BLUE EYES.

CHURCH NEWS AND OTHER MATTERS OF RELIGIOUS NATURE

Goes as Missionary.

Rev. G. W. Twynham has resigned as Presiding Elder of Parkersburg district, M. E. Church South, to go as a missionary to Poland. Dr. P. S. Pollitt will fill out the year as presiding elder.

M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.

Rev. J. D. Bell has not yet gone South, owing to the illness of Mrs. Bell.

There will be services Sunday morning conducted by the minute men, but none at night, as the meeting at the M. E. Church is still going on.

Sunday School 9:30 a. m.

Morning service 10:30.

Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m.

Bible Class Thursday 6:30 p. m.

Choir practice from 6 to 6:40 p. m. Friday.

A cordial invitation is extended every one to attend these services.

JAS. D. BELL, Pastor.

M. E. CHURCH.

The revival meeting at the M. E. Church is continuing through this week. Several conversions and about a dozen additions to the church are reported. Ten were received at the service held last Sunday evening. Rev. Kelly of Ashland, is doing the preaching.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:30 a. m.

Preaching service 10:30 a. m.

Evening worship 6 o'clock.

Prayer meeting Wednesday 6 p. m.

First Wednesday night in each month business meeting.

You are cordially invited to attend all services.

J. T. POPE, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School every Sunday 9:30.

Prayer meeting Wednesday 6:30.